

The following annual reports were read and referred to the Publication Committee:—

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary respectfully reports that during the year ending November 30, 1885, fourteen members and one correspondent have been elected.

Resignations of membership have been received and accepted on the usual conditions, from J. H. Brinton, M. D., W. S. Baker, Jos. C. Wright, R. B. Haines, Jr., and Jos. G. Richardson, M. D.

The deaths of ten members and six correspondents have been announced, and duly recorded in the printed Proceedings.

Thirty-four papers have been presented for publication, as follows: Willis S. Blatchley, 3; Angelo Heilprin, 2; Herman Strecker, 2; Alan F. Gentry, 2; S. H. Scudder, 2; Charles Morris, 2; Carl H. Eigenmann and Morton W. Fordice, 2; S. E. Meek and Robt. Newland, 2; Walter R. Furness, 1; F. Lamson Scribner, 1; F. Warrington Eastlake, 1; Dr. Benj. Sharp, 1; Leonard Stejneger, 1; H. C. Lewis, 1; W. D. Hartman, 1; W. B. Scott, 1; W. N. Lockington, 1; Theo. D. Rand, 1; Morton W. Fordice, 1; B. W. Evermann and M. W. Fordice, 1; B. W. Evermann and S. E. Meek, 1; Seth E. Meek and Edw. A. Hall, 1; Edw. A. Hall and J. Z. A. McCaughan, 1; Charles Wachsmuth and F. Springer, 1; Ernst P. Bicknell and Fletcher B. Dressler, 1.

Twenty-nine of these have been printed in the Proceedings of the Academy, two have been withdrawn by the authors, and the remaining three have been reported on favorably and will form part of the next volume of the Proceedings.

Sixty-three pages of the volume for 1884, and three hundred and eighty-four pages of that for the current year, have been printed. The former are illustrated by two lithographic plates, and the latter by three.

Forty foreign societies have been added to the list of exchanges during the year, increasing the number of copies of the Proceedings sent abroad in exchange to 375.

The average attendance at the meetings during the past twelve months has been 25. Verbal communications have been made by thirty-four members. The greater number of these have been

reported by the authors and printed in the Proceedings, constituting an important portion of the annual volume.

At the meeting of the Council held Nov. 23, Mr. Jacob Binder was reappointed Curator of the Wm. S. Vaux Collections.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. J. NOLAN,
Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The correspondence of the past year shows a gratifying increase in the number of societies and institutions with which we are now exchanging our publications. The increase has arisen in many instances at the request of the Academy, and in a certain number at the solicitation of the societies.

The opening of correspondence with societies not previously on our list of exchanges brings with it in time a request from them for our earlier publications, more particularly the Proceedings. The earlier volumes are in very limited stock, and the Corresponding Secretary suggests the desirability of re-publication at as early a date as the ability of the Academy will admit.

During the year there has been but one correspondent elected, who has been promptly notified of his election. Responses have been received from nine correspondents, of which number eight were elected in the preceding year. Three have acknowledged the reception of the diploma. In a few instances official notice of the death of Correspondents has been received. Usually such information is obtained from the journals, and becomes part of the minutes of the Academy.

Letters and cards to the number of one hundred and twenty-two have been received acknowledging our publications, the large number being partly due to the increase before mentioned, and partly to the early distribution of our Proceedings in parts through the mails.

Letters of transmission numbering forty-seven have been received, the smallness of the number arising from the decreasing number of correspondents, who from preference or necessity transmit their publications through the Smithsonian Institution.